

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 27th June 2010**

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## **Silent Key**

We are sorry to have to inform you of the death on 18 June of Frank Cullen EI9FC. Frank was originally from Valencia Island in Kerry and died at his home in Dalkey County Dublin after an illness. He was 82 years of age. Frank will be sadly missed by his six children, his grandchildren, his brother, three sisters and his extended family.

Franks funeral took place from Knightstown Church on Valencia Island on Wednesday last. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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## **80 Metre Counties Contest**

Unfortunately band conditions were very poor for last weekend's 80 metre counties contest. Band noise was very high and propagation conditions were very poor. In addition, the good summer weather, the World Cup and the US open provided alternative attractions leading to a small turnout of stations.

A few stalwarts stuck it out for the full three hours and probably worked anyone participating in the contest. The result should be interesting.

Participating stations please send your logs to the contestmanager /at/ irts.ie

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## **Increased Power for Contests**

The Society is continuing to pursue with ComReg the question of securing increased power for the duration of contests on a list of international HF and VHF contests still to be finalised. In order to take this matter further, ComReg wish to have submitted a list of licensed amateurs who would be interested in getting permission to operate with increased power for the contests concerned. Anyone who wishes to have their name included on this list should e mail the contest manager Thos Caffrey EI2JD at contestmanager /at/ irts.ie or to thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com

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## **Oman on 50 MHz**

On the IARU-R1 website, Abdalla A41KB reports that radio amateurs in Oman can now use the 50-52 MHz band. The Omani Telecommunications Regulatory Authority has allocated the 50-52 MHz band to the amateur service on a secondary basis.

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### **North Cork Radio Group**

The North Cork Radio Group would like to once again invite interested parties to the group. The group is now 6 months old and are pleased that in this time have gained momentum and are now proud to have 15 members.

The aim of the Group is to make Amateur radio more fun and appealing to prospective members, so far this year the Group have organized and attended 3 field day events, making use of the Groups callsign EI1NC/P.

The goal is to activate at least 1 field trip a month with an emphasis on "FUN" and the Group's operating styles are that of the operator and not competition. Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Halfway house in Rathduff from 8pm till late, these meetings are at a social level and give members the opportunity to get to know each other as well as plan future events.

The next meeting is on Wednesday the 7th of July and an open invitation is extended to all.

Further information on the group is available at [NorthCorkRadioGroup.com](http://NorthCorkRadioGroup.com)

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### **Major Castles On The Air activation in Northern Ireland**

Castles And Stately Homes On The Air in Northern Ireland will have a major activation on 16 July. Bobby, MI0RYL has obtained permission to activate both the Stormont Parliament Buildings and Stormont Castle within the Stormont estate in Belfast.

To commemorate this activation, a special QSL card will be issued to any contacts that are made. Propagation permitting, they hope to cover many bands and modes throughout the day to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to make contact.

The station should be up and running by 10am with the castle activation number GI022 and WAB No J37

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Club**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 1st of July in Raheen House Hotel Raheen Road Clonmel at 8.00 pm ,All are welcome.

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### **Rallies**

For further details on Rallies please see [www.irts.ie/rallies](http://www.irts.ie/rallies)

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### **History this Week**

1885 C Bell and C.S. Tainter applied for a patent for the gramophone.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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